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Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories

Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories" and to allocate it to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

2. At its 1st meeting, on 30 September 2004, the Fourth Committee decided to hold a general debate covering agenda items 20, 79, 80, 81 and 82. The general debate on the items was held at the 2nd to 6th meetings, from 4 to 8 October (see A/C.4/59/SR.2-6). The Committee took action on item 82 at its 8th meeting, on 12 October (see A/C.4/59/SR.8).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/59/74).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.4/59/L.5

4. At its 8th meeting, on 12 October, the Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to a draft resolution entitled "Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories" (A/C.4/59/L.5), submitted by Algeria, Argentina, China, Cuba, Egypt, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Nigeria, Singapore, Thailand and the United Republic of Tanzania. Subsequently, Ghana, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

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5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/59/L.5 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

6. The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 58/105 of 9 December 2003,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories,[1] prepared pursuant to its resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954,

Conscious of the importance of promoting the educational advancement of the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Strongly convinced that the continuation and expansion of offers of scholarships is essential in order to meet the increasing need of students from Non-Self-Governing Territories for educational and training assistance, and considering that students in those Territories should be encouraged to avail themselves of such offers,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have made scholarships available to the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories;

3. *Invites* all States to make or continue to make generous offers of study and training facilities to the inhabitants of those Territories that have not yet attained self-government or independence and, wherever possible, to provide travel funds to prospective students;

4. *Urges* the administering Powers to take effective measures to ensure the widespread and continuous dissemination in the Territories under their administration of information relating to offers of study and training facilities made by States and to provide all the necessary facilities to enable students to avail themselves of such offers;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

6. *Draws the attention* of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution.

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[1] A/59/74.